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the representative of Canada. Mr. Coats was the member for Canada of the British Empire Statistical Conference which sat in London for six weeks during the winter of 1920 (January 20 to February 26, 1920).

The University of Oxford has awarded the Weldon Medal and the Weldon Memorial Prize to Dr. J. Arthur Harris of the Station for Experimental Evolution of the Carnegie Institution of Washington in recognition of his work in statistical biology. This prize may be awarded every third year ". . . without regard to nationality, sex, or membership of any university, to the person who, in the judgment of the electors, has, in the six years next preceding the date of the award, published the most noteworthy contribution to Biometric Science, in which either (i) exact statistical methods have been applied to some problem of Biology, or (ii) statistical theory has been extended in a direction which increases its applicability to problems of Biology. Biology shall, for the purposes of this clause, be interpreted as including Zoölogy, Botany, Anthropology, Sociology, Psychology, and Medical Science."

Professor Raymond Pearl, head of the Department of Biometry and Vital Statistics and director of the School of Hygiene and Public Health of the Johns Hopkins University, has been awarded the decoration of Knight of the Crown of Italy by the King of Italy. Beginning December 1, Professor Pearl gave a series of lectures at the Lowell Institute in Boston on the "Biology of Death." These lectures will be published later in book form.

Mr. Paul W. Garrett, formerly connected with the American International Corporation, is now with the financial department of the *New York Evening Post*.

Mr. R. von Huhn has been appointed chief statistician of the Edison Storage Battery Company at West Orange, New Jersey.

Mr. Robert Henderson, formerly actuary for the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, has been made second vice-president of the company.

The Committee on the Mathematical Analysis of Statistics of the National Research Council is working on a handbook on statistical methods which will soon be published. The committee consists of Doctors Rietz, Glover, Huntington, Kelly, Pearl, and Persons.

The United States Life Tables for 1890, 1901, 1910, and 1901-1910 are now in the press and probably will be available within the next three months.

Professor Donald M. Marvin, of the School of Economics of the University of Pittsburgh, has been made head of the new Department of Statistics established by the university. Professor Marvin is developing a laboratory for training in statistical methods and their application.

#### APPOINTMENTS ON COMMITTEES FOR 1921

At a meeting of the Board of Directors on January 22, 1921, in New York City, the following appointments were made:

Associate Editors: Edmund E. Day, Louis I. Dublin, Wesley C. Mitchell, Horace Secrist, Leo Wolman; Assistant Secretaries: E. A. Goldenweiser for Washington,

Martin J. Shugrue for Boston; Library Committee: Edmund E. Day, Chairman, Roswell F. Phelps, Horace L. Wheeler; Finance Committee: George E. Roberts, Chairman, Carl Snyder, Robert E. Chaddock; Membership Committee: Arthur R. Burnet, Chairman, Leonard P. Ayres, Earle Clark, Lawrence K. Frank, Donald M. Marvin; Committee on Business and Production Indices: Malcolm C. Rorty, Chairman, Leonard P. Ayres, Donald R. Belcher, Earle Clark, Edith M. Miller, Warren M. Persons, Carl Snyder.

In addition to these Committees the Board authorized the formation of three new committees as follows: Committee on Institutional Statistics, Committee on Statistics of Marriage and the Family, Committee on Sales Research. The personnel of these committees will be announced in the June issue.

#### **NEW MEMBERS ELECTED SINCE AUGUST**

##### **CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP**

Russell Sage Foundation, 130 E. 22nd St., New York City.

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Armstrong, George W., care of Sommons-Boardman Pub. Co., 2201 Woolworth Bldg., New York. Market analysis of railroad purchases.

Beauregard, Joseph E., Narragansett Electric Lighting Co., Providence, R. I. Statistician.

Begen, Owen J., Investment Department, Prudential Ins. Co., Newark, N. J.

Blanchard, Ralph H., School of Business, Columbia University, New York.

Buchaca, Emilio J., Manager, Commercial Research Department, H. H. Franklin Mfg. Co., Rochester, N. Y.

Burger, Magdalen H., Chief Statistician, Baltimore Alliance of Charitable Agencies, 625 St. Paul St., Baltimore, Md.

Cockett, Arthur, Famous Players-Lasky Corp., 485 Fifth Ave., New York.

Cox, Mary de, Librarian, American Tel. & Tel. Co., 195 Broadway, New York.

Creel, H. G., Southwestern Advertising Co., Oklahoma City, Okla.

De Maris, William F., Cost and Sales Department, New England Confectionery Co., 253 Summer St., Boston, Mass.

Fischer, Harry S., Public Service Commission, 49 Lafayette St., New York City.

Fisher, Arne, Statistical Department, Western Union Co., 195 Broadway, New York.

Florence, P. Sargent, U. S. Public Health Service, Washington, D. C.

Freeland, W. E., Sales Engineer, Winchester Repeating Arms Co., New Haven, Conn.

Fry, C. Luther, Industrial Bureau, Merchants Association of New York, 233 Broadway, New York.

Gottlieb, Louis R., Director, Subscribers Inquiry Department, Financial Weekly, 58 W. 39th St., New York.

Gould, Kenneth M., Editor, Social Hygiene, American Social Hygiene Association, 105 W. 40th St., New York.

Greenwood, Ernest, International Labor Office, 618 17th St., Washington, D. C.

Hammond, C. B., Research Department, Acme Wire Co., New Haven, Conn.

Heeren, Ernst G., Statistical Department, Edison Storage Battery Co., West Orange, N. J.